

Timberbank JPS School Council

Minutes from May 12, 2014 Meeting



In attendance: Anna Epitropou (Principal), Nick Carasis (Co-Chair), Lisa Ferguson (Co-Chair and Caring & Safe Schools Rep), Lynn Greenwood, Mike Petkovski (Treasurer), Gerald Jones, Marilyn Trenbeth (Community Representative), Vicky Ignatiou (Community Representative), Tilley Creary (Secretary), Jeya Balamanokaran, Sam Sotiropoulos (School Trustee, Scarborough-Agincourt, Ward 20).

Executive Regrets:

Item	Discussion	Action / Responsibility
Agenda items		
Approval of minutes	Minutes from April meeting Approved.	➤ Nick, 2 nd Lynn
Treasurer's Report	➤ School Council Budget = \$6440.24 ○ -\$2740.96 deposit for Main Event (Fun Fair)	
Principal's Report	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Principal's Report</u> <u>May 12, 2014</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. ECO news: continue to collect milk bags; Ecoteam meeting again; our Eco Audit will take place on May 29th; Green bin program going well; Lights out continue every Friday; Community Clean up on April 25th went well2. Primary and Junior Math Days...very successful! Problem-solving and hands-on activities involving all k-6 students (May 7th and May 8th)3. Prologue Performance "Infinitus" for all K-6 students on May 6th; excellent strings performance4. Grade 6s have been "chatting" through Skype with students in refugee camps in Jordan – thanks to Equal Opportunity Community Initiative for	

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	<p>their collaboration in this project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Our band members are mentoring the students from North Bridlewood on May 14th in the afternoon6. Athletics/Extra-curricular – Soccer Team participating in league play; Track team selected – Track Meet is May 23rd all day; Dance Club for grades 1-6 on every Friday at lunch; Chess Club every Tuesday for grades 2-6; Canteen program – milk sales <p>Folkfest is on: May 13th at EYCI (raindate May 15th); Special Needs – May 20th during the day at Ted Reeve Arena – grade 4s to be involved; May 5th – Scarborough Jamboree was amazing...thanks to all the parents who brought their kids to the performance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">7. EQAO Parent Information Night went well on May 6th Primary assessment (grade 3) week of May 26th Junior assessment (grade 6) week of June 2nd www.eqao.com – site with many parent resources to refer to – notice went home with all students May 9th8. Spring Concert – May 22nd starts at 6:30pm – Book Fair also that week and that evening from 6-6:30pm and then again from 7:45 – 8:30pm9. Grade 3s will be performing for Asian Heritage month on May 30th @ Northern CI10. Junior students going to Highland Heights for a Social Media Presentation on May 13th in the morning11. Young Women on the Move – participating in two events: May 16th all girls; June 11th – 4 girls; running our milk program12. Next Newsletter – June 5th13. Staffing Model for 2014- 2015 has been approved: 3 JK/SK classes (1 class of 23 with an ECE; 1 class of 15 no ECE; 1 class of 23 with an ECE) One Grade 1 Class One Grade 1/2 Class	
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	<p>Two classes of Grade 2/3 \</p> <p>One Grade 3/4</p> <p>One Grade 4/5</p> <p>One Grade 6</p> <p>Hiring 1 teacher through the transfer/surplus process for our home school program and resource program.</p> <p>14. Coming Up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 14th – Parent Workshop at Albert Campbell CI – “How to Help your Child do well in School and Life” • May 16th – Young Women on the Move trip • May 16th – ON TRACK assembly; Sports Day • May 19th – no school – Victoria Day • Week of May 20th – Book Fair in the Library • May 20th – AM Special Needs Folkfest at Ted Reeve Arena • May 21st – Innovation Fair @ Dublin Heights • May 22nd – Spring Concert • May 23rd – East Track and Field Meet at Birchmount CI – grades 2-6 • May 27th – Welcome to Kindergarten Night • May 26th, 28th, 30th – High School students working with the grade 5s on an anti-bullying drama presentation • June 2nd – School Council Meeting • June 7th – South Asian Heritage Celebration @ Stephen Leacock CI – 11am to 3pm • June 10th – Outdoor Play Day • June 14th – Spring Fair • June 20th – “Stepping Up” / Last On TRACK / Backwards Day • June 26th – Grade 6 Farewell – 2pm • June 27th – Reports Go Home • 	
<i>Police Checks</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A motion has been put forward requiring that all school volunteers must have police checks. • +4500 new people added to the police check system each school year • Police checks are not a requirement for people who have one-off contact 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with students. Police check costs \$15 and takes anywhere from 4 weeks to 6 months to be approved. There is an Annual Offense Declaration that is filled out every year online to keep a police check recipient active and approved. All TDSB employees have had a police check done. There is a movement towards having new checks completed every five years. It is at the Principal's discretion if 1-off volunteers require a police check. Parents on a field trip with their child do not require a police check as they are considered to be caring for their own child, regardless if they have other children under their supervision. Anna sits with the school's regular volunteers each year to submit police checks / Annual Offense Declarations (AODs) If people are flagged due to a police check, their continued service with the school is under the Principal's discretion. Motion put forward to have all members of the School Council submit police check applications in preparation for the 2014/15 school year. 	- Group agrees. Lisa will look into possibly funding council police checks with council funds.
<i>Grant Application</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the group OK with submitting the application for 2 events next year instead of only one as we will be responsible for running them. 	- Group agrees
<i>School Council Actions At Concert</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Volunteers are needed to talk up the Spring Fair and selling raffle tickets. 	- List will draw up an elevator pitch for volunteers to use.
<i>Content for Newsletter</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to push details and needs of the Spring Fair (volunteers, prizes, donations) Notify Gerry of which vendors are being approached so that there is no duplication in our requests for donations. Donators should be informed that their donations are tax deductible. We can list all donators on the back of the flyer in a generic font (to avoid copyright issues) 	Gerry will keep track of which companies are being approached for donations and communicate to the group weekly.
<i>Spring Fair</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winner of the Spring Fair poster competition selected Staffing requirements, tables etc. to be confirmed at the next council meeting. Nick will confirm with Reptilia (Cost of \$350 will be covered by Anna as a gift) Licks providing free food. There are also two back up food donators if Licks 	- Anna to have Reptilia added to the flyer.

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	<p>does not work out.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Carlton the Bear is approved• Maple Leafs Truck and Raptors Truck are not available.• Soccer / Tennis guy is confirmed, providing a prize of 1/week free lessons	
<i>Roundtable/New Business</i>	<p>1. <u>After-school funding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Anna will find out in June when / if they will receive funding for the 2014/15 school year.○ Currently, their funding provides care for 25 children with a waitlist of several more.	
Adjournment	Next meeting to be on Monday, June 2nd, 2014, 2013 at 6:30pm.	